

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Central Service Technicians are responsible for processing surgical instruments, supplies and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, serving in settings ranging from hospitals to ambulatory surgical centers, Central Service Technicians provide support to patient care services; and

**WHEREAS**, Central Service Department tasks include decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing, and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed for patient care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Service Department of a healthcare facility is the heart of all activity surrounding instruments, supplies and equipment required for operating rooms, Endoscopy suites, ICU, birth centers and other patient care areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Central Service Technicians play a very important role in patient care arenas, and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections; and

**WHEREAS**, International Central Service Week recognizes the contribution Central Service Technicians make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016

**INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL SERVICE WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont  
on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D. 2016



A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor